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HANDLING METHOD, AND MOLD FOR OPTICAL COMPONENT  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial No. 10/206,187, filed July 29, 2002, which claimed priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-236797, filed August 3, 2001 and 2001-279636, filed September 14, 2001. A certified copy of the priority application is on file in the prior application.

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2. Drawings - 20 sheets of drawings containing 43 figures.
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-236797, filed August 3, 2001 and 2001-279636, filed September 14, 2001.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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